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SUBJ: MRS. CARTER'S VISIT - MEDIA REACTION REPORT

1. PERU'S LEADING SECTORIZED NEWSPAPER, EL COMERCIO, JUNE 7 FEATURES AN EDITORIAL ON THE MEETING BETWEEN MRS. CARTER AND PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ. THE EDITORIAL SAYS: "THE INTERVIEW PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ HAD WITH MRS. ROSALYNN CARTER, WHICH DEALT WITH THE SUBJECT OF ARMAMENTS, WAS THE OCCASION FOR THE DISTINGUISHED VISITOR TO KNOW THE EXACT PERUVIAN POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE REGION.
2. "IT WAS AN OPPORTUNE DIALOGUE, BECAUSE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF BEING ABLE TO KNOW WHAT THE ESSENCE OF PERUVIAN POLICY IS IN RELATION TO THE PROBLEM OF ARMAMENTS, DISTURBING TO THE AREA OF THE SOUTHERN CONE, HARD UPON THE UNCHAINED
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ALARMIST CAMPAIGNS BY SOME OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS, THAT, AS SOME WILL RECALL, WERE RESPONDED TO BY THE AFFECTED COUNTRIES WITH ROTUND DEMONSTRATIONS OF UNDERSTANDING AND HARMONY."

3. EL COMERCIO GOES ON TO SAY: "THE PERUVIAN POSITION ON ARMAMENTS IS BASED ON THE INTENTION OF THE RENOVATION OF OBSOLETE MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERNAL SECURITY. THIS POLICY IS

A VERY DELICATE AFFAIR, AS ARMAMENTS ARE NOT A SIMPLE MOTIVATION BORN OF PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, BUT ON THE CONTRARY, ARE SUPPORTED BY A TRADITIONAL DIPLOMACY CHARACTERIZED BY PACIFISM AND THE CONCERN FOR SECURITY, BOTH NATIONAL AS WELL AS CONTINENTAL.

4. THE EDITORIAL CONTINUES: "PRECISELY, AS DECLARED MRS. CARTER IN HER NEWS CONFERENCE, THE PERUVIAN CHIEF OF STATE FORMULATED TO HER, IN DETAILED FORM, ALTERNATIVE PLANS IN FAVOR OF PEACE AND HEMISPHERE SECURITY. HE CLEARLY SHOWED AGAIN THE TRUE DESIGNS OF PERU THAT ONLY SEEKS TO OFFER THE BEST SUGGESTIONS FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF GOOD, EFFECTIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN AMERICAN STATES."

4. "IN THE SPECIFIC CASE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS," SAYS EL COMERCIO, "ON THE SUB-REGIONAL LEVEL, THERE IS NO BASIS FOR THE ERRONEOUS OPINIONS ABOUT PERUVIAN FOREIGN POLICY. THE ERROR OR BAD INTENTION CLEARLY REMAINS REFUTED BY THE PRINCIPLE ROLE PLAYED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN LIMA IN THE INTEGRATION OF THE ANDEAN COUNTRIES AND IN THE POSITIVE TYPE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS THAT EXIST TODAY IN THE SOUTHERN CONE."

5. THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES: "THE WELCOME VISIT OF MRS. CARTER HAS BEEN, IN EFFECT, A GOOD OPPORTUNITY SO THAT THE WHITE HOUSE CAN KNOW WITH GREATER EXACTNESS THAT THE PLANS FOR PERUVIAN FOREIGN POLICY, ON A CONTINENTAL LEVEL, ARE ONLY GUIDED BY THE IDEALS OF FRIENDSHIP AND UNION, AS WELL AS BY A PERMANENT SEARCH FOR NEW FORMULAS FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF A BETTER UNDERSTANDING, AS THE CHIEF OF THE STATE HAS DECLARED IN THE DIALOGUE WITH HIS ILLUSTRIOUS VISITOR."

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